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COUNTRY	East Germany		REPORT
TOPIC	Retzow Airfield		
EVALUATION		PLACE OBTAINED	
DATE OF CONTENT			
DATE OBTAINED		DATE PREPARED	27 August 1954
REFERENCES			
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REMARKS			
This is UNEVALUATED			

1. On 6 July 1954, about 15 soldiers were engaged in rolling the approximately 10-cm-high grass on Retzow airfield by means of 2 tractors towing rollers. The field was not fenced in. The quartering buildings in the northern section of the field, of which 5 were identified, apparently were not occupied. The temporary buildings had an estimated capacity of 50 men. The roads leading to the field were blocked by warning signs. Local residents stated that the field was occupied by a small detail. Allegedly, MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s occasionally landed at the field and parachute jumps were made.
2. On 9 and 10 July, no aircraft were stationed at the field which had a well kept grass cover. Some temporary buildings were seen in the adjacent wood north of the field. According to local residents, 8 to 12 MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s from Wittstock, Rechlin and Parchim landed at the field at irregular intervals and remained there for 2 or 3 days. Informants also said that parachuting was repeatedly practiced over the field and sometimes the jumpers landed in the adjacent fields.

Comment. The information on Retzow airfield agrees with reports from other sources. It is known that, in June 1954, about 20 MiG-15s of a fighter regiment from Laerz landed and took off from the grass-covered airfield near Retzow. In another report the assumption was voiced that aircraft of the regiment from Parchim airfield were also detached to Retzow.

This assumption is supported by the present report. No indications have been received on the employment of MiG-15s of the fighter regiment from Wittstock airfield. It is believed, however, that various fighter regiments of the Northern Ftr Corps were detached to grass-covered airfields in order to gain experience in the operation of jet fighters off of airfields without a hard surface runway.

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